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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 0105.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the necessary structural connections. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted structural cooperative relationships are the relationships between the gas-discharge lamp, the LED and the optical component (claim 1). Claims 2-7 are necessarily included due to their dependency.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 20007134 U1 (hereinafter "Treuhand") in view of Trushell et al. (U.S. Patent 5,612,590) and JP 07235624 A (hereinafter "Toyoda").

Regarding claim 1, Treuhand discloses a gas –discharge lamp (reference number 6), and LED (reference number 10) and an optical component for additive mixing of the light from the gas-discharge lamp and the LED (reference number 7). Treuhand does not disclose a gas-discharge lamp with a color point in the green-blue or an LED with a color point in the yellow-red.

Trushell et al. discloses a gas-discharge lamp with a color point in the green-blue (column 1, lines 30-57).

Toyoda discloses an LED with a color point in the yellow-red (English abstract).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the lamp of Trushell et al. in the apparatus of Treuhand to produce the desired color effects.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the LED of Toyoda in the apparatus of Treuhand to provide the desired color effects.

Concerning claim 2, Treuhand discloses a fluorescent lamp (reference number 6).

Regarding claim 3, Treuhand does not disclose a lamp with BAM or CAT. Trushell et al. discloses the fluorescent lamp as a low-pressure mercury-vapor lamp, on which in particular the phosphor BAM is applied for the generation of the blue light and/or the phosphor CAT is applied for the generation of green light (column 1, lines 30-57).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the lamp of Trushell et al. in the apparatus of Treuhand and Toyda to produce the desired color effects.

Concerning claim 4, Treuhand does not disclose an AlGaAs red LED. Toyoda discloses an inorganic LED, in particular a red-emitting ALGaAS LED (English abstract).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the LED of Toyoda in the apparatus of Treuhand and Trushell et al. to provide the desired color effects.

Regarding claim 8, Treuhand discloses the step of additive mixing of the light from the gas-discharge lamp and the LED by means of an optical component (reference number 7). Truehand does not disclose a gas-discharge lamp or an LED with the claimed colors.

Trushell et al. discloses the step of generating light with a color point in the green blue by means of a gas-discharge lamp (column 1, lines 30-57).

Toyoda discloses the step of generating a light with a color point in the yellow-red by means of an LED (English abstract).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the lamp of Trushell et al. in the apparatus of Treuhand to produce the desired color effects.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the LED of Toyoda in the apparatus of Treuhand to provide the desired color effects.

4. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Treuhand in view of Trushell et al. and Toyoda as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Ohishi et al. (U.S. Patent 2001/0005319 A1).

Regarding claim 5, Treuhand, Trushell et al. and Toyoda do not disclose a control component. Ohishi et al. discloses a control component for controlling the color point of the lamp system (abstract).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the control component of Ohishi et al. in the apparatus of Treuhand, Trushell et al. and Toyoda to enable one to vary the color output. See the abstract of Ohishi et al.

Concerning claim 6, Treuhand, Trushell et al. and Toyoda do not disclose a control component. Ohishi et al. discloses a control component that is designed to control the color point of the lamp system by controlling the power of the LED (abstract).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the control component of Ohishi et al. in the apparatus of Treuhand, Trushell et al. and Toyoda to enable one to vary the color output. See the abstract of Ohishi et al.

5. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Treuhand in view of Trushell et al., Toyoda and Ohishi et al. as applied to claim 5 above, and further in view of Callahan (U.S. Patent 4,894,760).

Regarding claim 7, Treuhand, Trushell et al., Toyoda and Ohishi et al. do not disclose a control component for the optical component. Callahan discloses a control component that is designed to control the color point of the lamp system by controlling the mixing characteristics of the optical component (abstract, Fig. 4).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the configuration of Callahan in the apparatus of Treuhand, Trushell et al., Toyoda and Ohishi et al. to produce the desired optical effects. See the abstract of Callahan.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharon E. Payne whose telephone number is (571) 272-2379. The examiner can normally be reached on regular business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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